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CHAPTER III.

The passing of years brought wealth to Elder Mahrud and the glory of old age, bowed forms and declining health to Martha and Elizabeth.

The passing of the years gave to Elder Mahrud a wider and deeper spirituality and a more soul-inspiring sanctity, and, to Martha and Elizabeth they brought a deeper faith in the goodness of the Lord to His children.

The passing of the years brought many changes to the Mahruds, both in temporal and spiritual sense, and multiplied the blessings of heaven upon them. Elder Mahrud had been found faithful over a few things and so, the Lord, according to His promise, had made him steward over many things. Two households were now a necessity; one at the farm and the other in town, where the elder's business interests kept him most of the time, and this brought a separation between Martha and Elizabeth. The latter had grown too delicate for the life at the farm, and so had become mistress of the city home.

The Mahrud city residence was a somewhat pretentious affair of two stories and wide porches, sitting pretty well back in an apple orchard and having a wide sweep of lawn in front. It was here that Elder Mahrud entertained his city friends; gave an occasional dinner to local financiers, and at times shut himself up from the world and cared of the business world.

Elizabeth was happy in this home, notwithstanding city ways were not entirely to her liking, and the fact that the old farm with its many duties and its pleasing daily association with her sister, seemed ever to call her. Here she had Alexander to herself, and though her gain in this respect was another's loss, and though that other was her sister, she tried hard and, it must be admitted, with considerable success, to recognize the hand of the Lord in all things and to be happy even though it became necessary to profit at her sister's expense. Besides, Martha had shown in a thousand ways during their long life together, that she considered Elizabeth, when Alexander was about, more in the way than any other. And to one of Elizabeth's deeply pious and spiritual nature it was not to be doubted that the Lord would sooner or later deal with Martha in such a manner that she would realize that she had something to be sorry for. If plural marriage is really an institution of heaven, and what sane person can doubt it, then Martha, in envying Elizabeth her life with Alexander—which it was only natural for her to do under the circumstances—sinned and deserved to be dealt with that which had caused her to sin. This was plain to Elizabeth, and so, even though she loved her sister dearly, she felt perfectly justified in her happiness and in enjoying their husband as her very own.

Elder Mahrud's list of city friends numbered several members of the quorum of the twelve, prophets, seers and revelators, who were indebted to him

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A Story of Utah

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The word of the Lord, according to that blessed volume, The Doctrine and Covenants, is "quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow."—Apostle Reyarp dines with Elder Mahrud and reads him a lecture on the observance of religious duties.

for financial favors, and who were more or less frequent visitors at his city residence. Brother Mahrud was now a banker, and the Saints who could loan or borrow were either his customers or his prospects. In order to induce them to turn more of their patronage his way, the banker made it possible for Apostle Reyarp to become associated with him in the business. The sign: "Alexander Mahrud, Banker," gave place to one reading: "R. J. Reyarp & Alexander Mahrud, Bankers."

Elder Mahrud's business increased very rapidly after Apostle Reyarp's name became associated with his, for the apostle's time was largely spent in visiting the Saints in the various stakes of Zion, and preaching the gospel of temporal salvation to them. Eloquent indeed were the apostle's appeals to the Saints to become self-supporting; to cease trading with their enemies; to improve their farms and pay their tithes. "Crime," he was wont to say, "is the offshoot of poverty. It is not only uncomfortable for the poor, but in the majority of cases, it is a positive sin. The true gospel of Christ Jesus teaches us, if it teaches us anything, to get on in the world, to garner our resources, to save and invest and multiply our talents so as the Lord, finding us faithful, will continue to shower His blessings upon us. Cease borrowing from your enemies. Cease dealing with those who persecute you and revile your God. Strive at all times, ye, diligently strive to uphold the institutions of and within your church, for in so doing you build up Zion and magnify the name of the Lord. Accumulate! After God, a man's best friend is a bank account, and you, my brethren and sisters, know not how soon you may need such a friend. I want to testify to you in the name of the Lord God of Israel, that unless you hearken unto counsel in this matter, you cannot live your religion, and you will not be found blameless in that great and awful day of the Lord."

And so it was brought about that while the Apostle Reyarp traveled and preached, the Banker Reyarp prospered and waxed exceedingly rich. It seemed to some that the Saints who heeded his inspired words, grew more and more contented and happy.

The word of the Lord, according to that blessed volume, The Doctrine and Covenants, is "quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow," and especially seemed this to be the case when Apostle Reyarp acted as his mouthpiece. When the apostle spoke, Satan and the foul fiends of the

lower pit shook with rage and fury, and the Saints sat breathless, drinking from the very spiritual fountain of life. His "I testify in the name of the Lord God of Israel," was never known to fail in results so long as men and women were striving to live their religion, and his prophetic denunciations hurled at the heads of those who failed to show the spirit of obedience to the priesthood, which in all ages has marked the Saint from the sinner, deserved to be perpetuated on tablets of gold.

Lost indeed was that man or woman who could not be moved by the eloquence of Apostle Reyarp, and forever damned must be that soul so dark as to turn from the truth after the apostle had preached it. One day Elder Mahrud brought Apostle Reyarp home with him to dinner, and though Elizabeth was so excited that she hardly knew what she did, she felt pleased and honored beyond her powers of expression. "I am glad to see you, Apostle Reyarp," she exclaimed, extending her hand, and while the apostle grasped it heartily and said the honor was his at being permitted to press the hand of one of the most worthy mothers in Zion, ten years seemed to fall from Elizabeth's shoulders. She went bustling about her preparations for dinner with a song in her heart, and with a step as light as that of a girl in her teens.

And while Sister Elizabeth superintended the dinner preparations, the bankers, seated in the large front parlor, discussed loans and deposits, crops and markets, mortgages and prospects. They were satisfied with the way things were going; their future was without a cloud and as rosy as a summer's dawn. But after a time, for the dinner preparations seemed to lag, banking was interrupted by the subject of celestial marriage introduced by the apostle's inquiring: "How many families have you, Brother Mahrud?"

"I have but two wives, Martha and Elizabeth," Elder Mahrud replied, whereupon the apostle began to read him a lesson on the observance of religious duties. He dwelt upon God's promise to Abraham and pictured the splendor of the ancient leaders of Israel, which he argued was due to their practice of patriarchal, or plural marriage. He referred to the Lord's commandment to Adam, to be fruitful and multiply, and demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that it was through obedience to this command that Israel became possible. And when Elder Mahrud observed that the flood stood between Adam and Israel, the apostle

brushed the flood aside with one eloquent sweep of his hand and began on the glory of Solomon. "Now know better to you, Elder Mahrud," he added, after getting through with Solomon, "that it was through the practice of plural marriage in the spirit world, that the countless billions of spirits of the dead, and that these billions are waiting and pleading with the Almighty to be born in the flesh. The revelation on this divine institution was given to the Prophet Joseph in behalf of these spirits, and it was never intended by the Lord that this revelation should remain a dead letter on our church books. It is a living law and must be observed, and I want to testify to you, in the name of the Lord God of Israel, that unless we live the law, and live it to the fullest of our capabilities, we will not be found blameless in that great awful day of the Lord."

"I believe all that you have said, Apostle Reyarp, but Congress has been passing too many laws against the Saints of late for one to engage in more polygamous marriages without exciting great caution. Of course," the elder hastily continued when he saw the look of contempt which spread over the apostle's face, "of course, I would be very glad to think that I place the laws of the State above those of God. No, not for a moment. But you know that the godless Gentiles and apostates in our midst are exceedingly active of late, and that they are doing all their hell-filled hearts can suggest against the church. And while I do not fear any persecutions the Evil One may suggest, I do think we ought to use caution in these matters."

"Caution," thundered the apostle, the spirit of his priesthood burning within him, "did Daniel use caution when he defied the mandates of Nebuchadnezzar? Was Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in any way exercising caution when he stood in the temple and denounced the hypocrisy and general godlessness of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Why, Brother Mahrud, before I would speak of caution in connection with keeping a commandment of God, I would expect the just wrath of Almighty to wholly and utterly consume me if I since receiving this glorious principle, I should pay no more attention to it than you have apparently done."

"You are still a young man. Your wife are old and have no bearing here you go on, month after month, and year after year, without increase. What do you expect to be your portion in the hereafter? You cannot claim on judgment day that you lived the spirit of the law, for you have not done so; you have merely followed its letter, and God would be perfectly justified in taking your wives and children from you and bestowing them upon some more worthy. Unless you repent and change your course in this matter, you will wake up in eternity without wife or child, to learn that by your sin of omission, you had condemned yourself to eternally serve those who had been true to the spirit of the gospel."

"I admit all that you have said to be logical, and the word of God unto me, and I have thought much of late on this matter, and though I feel that I should take additional wives, I cannot help but think that in view of our declaration to the world, we ought to be careful."

"To what do you refer?" "To our articles of faith, article twelve, which reads: 'We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.'"

"Well, what about it?" "Merely this, I don't quite see how we can honor and sustain the law by breaking it." "Brother Mahrud, are you such an infant in the faith that you cannot understand that article? Have you still got to be carried along on a liquid diet? Are you not about as old as I am, and church to digest some solid food? Of course, we believe in honoring and sustaining the law when that law does not conflict with a higher law. We believe in being subject to kings, and rulers so long as our allegiance to them does not interfere with our allegiance to God, and no longer. We are a law-abiding people so long as the laws are framed in righteousness and under the inspiration of Almighty, but when those laws conflict, as do the laws relating to polygamy, with our religious scruples, then are we no longer bound by that declaration, that article twelve, but we are at all times bound by the law of the Creator. To question this doctrine shows a spiritual famine in your own heart. It indicates a tendency to apostasy. In referring to that article twelve as you did, you commit a grievous error, in that you question the conduct of many of your brethren, including the leaders of the Church of Christ. You cannot repent too soon nor too sincerely."

Brother Mahrud had not been accustomed to being talked to in this manner, and it was plain that he felt his position keenly. As a hearer of fact he was too faithful a Latter-day Saint to entertain such childish ideas, and there were none in the church that he was growing less anxious to live the higher law than he. In discussing the question as he had at this time, he had no desire to oppose his file leader, nor did he care to create the impression that he was growing lawless in the faith. But he did want to bear one of the authorities explain that twelfth article, and now that it was explained to his entire satisfaction, he became aware that he had forfeited to some extent, at least, the confidence of his superior. And without coming out frankly and admitting that he was only seeking corroboration of his own conviction, he began to feel for a way out of the entanglements he himself had created.

"I realize, Apostle Reyarp, that my wives are growing old, and that through the great goodness of the Lord I may have many years before me in which to beget bodies for spirits," he went on to say. "I have delayed some on account of those elderly mothers of my children, wondering what they would

think when I did decide to take some younger wives. And though I have—" "I hope," interrupted the apostle, "that you are not foolish enough to let the thoughts and feelings of your wives stand between the present and your and their eternal happiness. Really, I thought you had more spirit than that. Have you forgotten how old Sarah was when Abraham took Hagar to wife? Brother Henry has a great granddaughter who is older than one of his wives, and I have a granddaughter who is considerably older than my wife Mabel. I am more than ever surprised at you and the spirit moves me to warn you; get into line. Set your house in order for the great and dreadful day of the Lord is at hand, even at our doors; and if you would escape, and inherit eternal glory, you will have to take the counsel I have given you and get into line."

"Come to dinner, please, Brother Reyarp and us," called the sweet voice of Elizabeth from the dining room, and without further discussion the bankers took their places at the board.

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